

NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR.

KUROPATKIN TRIES TO CHECK JAPANESE TURNING MOVEMENT

Russian General Posts Strong Force to Prevent Oyama's Forces From Crossing Hun River.

ARTILLERY FIGHT CONTINUES.

Mikado's Soldiers Repulse Muscovites at Chenehpaop, Lapin, and Lianjatun. While They Lose Yatzupao and Tatalizu.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The reports of the General Staff, it is not clear yet whether the fighting on the Hun River is ended. The Russians continue the bombardment of Sandepas, and apparently a strong force of Russians is between Sandepas and Shaksupu to check the Japanese, who seem to be trying to use their former turning movement across the Hun River.

Nothing further has been heard of the Russian movement against the Japanese right. General Kurapatkin, telegraphing under date of January 30, says Sandepas was that day set on fire by the Russian artillery.

BOTH ARMIES HOLD THEIR OLD POSITIONS.

Russian Headquarters, Hun Mountain, Feb. 1.—The five days' battle on the Hun River has yielded no palpable result, both sides practically maintaining their former positions, though it is true that at a heavy cost the Russians succeeded in driving the Japanese out of their advanced positions and repelling their flanking column.

JAPANESE TAKE FOUR VILLAGES.

Tokyo, Feb. 1.—(From Field Marshal Oyama, reporting yesterday, says that the Russians bombarded his center and right wing on January 29 and sent small bodies of infantry to attack the Japanese outposts, where they were repulsed.

COLD GREATEST ENEMY IN HUN RIVER BATTLE.

Russian Headquarters, Hun Mountain, Feb. 1.—The five days' combat, which will go down in history as the battle of the Hun River, was fought out on a seemingly unending plain, which is broken only by southern Amur's Mountains and the Yellow River, the latter of which is a barrier to the advance of the Japanese.

IMPOTENCE OF ATTACK.

For five days Russian soldiers hurled themselves against the defenses and field artillery pounded them until the frosty air reverberated with the thunder of cannon, the din of bursting shells and the rattle of musketry, but neither side pointed shell nor bullet against the other.

MIRSKY'S RETIREMENT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The retirement of Interior Minister Witold Mirsky was officially announced today, in health being assigned as the reason.

WILD MAN OF BORNEO ACTIVE.

Kills Eight Persons With a Heavy Knife.

Victoria, British Columbia, Feb. 1.—The Japanese steamer Shinko, which arrived today, brought news of a slaughter by a wild man who ran amok at a small town in Borneo, slaying a heavy knife.

SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic February 2, 1905.

THE WEATHER. FORECAST. St. Louis and Vicinity. 6 a.m.—14 above. Continued cold today. For Missouri—Fair to day, warmer in northwest portion. Tomorrow, fair and warmer.

The Republic's "Want" Ad Will Be Found on Pages 10 and 11.

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

- 1. To Oust Republican Chairman. Nominations. Grant Charges St. Louis Assembly.
- 2. Bill Reduph Appeals for Light. Charter Backers Lose.
- 3. Both Houses Pass Sixteen-Hour Bill.
- 4. Railroad Rates Split Republicans. 12. River Opened With Dynamite.

WASHINGTON.

Democrats mark the Republican position on the President's rate-control measure and force a fight on the whole White House programme in the Republican caucus today.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The police raided a clubhouse and arrested phishers today.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Miss Ada Burke, the young Denver milliner whom Doctor Watson is said to have met in St. Louis soon after his wife's death, and who is considered an important witness for the defense, cannot be found in St. Paul, where she was last seen.

SPORTS NEWS.

Jackie Jackson plied three winners at Essex Park yesterday.

FOREIGN.

Emperor Nicholas receives a delegation of workmen at the palace, and in person promises to institute reforms. It is thought that his promises will have a good effect in St. Petersburg. Meanwhile the strike continues to spread throughout Siberia and extends to Irkutsk and other Siberian towns.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's stock market was a record for business. Local market was active. The St. Louis market was active. The St. Louis market was active.

YOUNG WOMAN IS LEADING FIGURE IN WATSON TRIAL



MISS ADA M. BURKE. Mentioned in connection with the Watson murder case, and will, it is said, be one of the witnesses for the defense.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD DIRECT PRIMARIES

March 4 Day Set by Central Committee When Nominees Will Be Chosen—Howes in Favor of Plan.

The nominees on the Democratic ticket for the spring election will be chosen March 4 by direct primaries.

WILL TRY TO OUST CHAIRMAN HOWE

Republican City Central Committee Asks Its Leader to Resign.

War that has been threatening in the Republican City Central Committee for three weeks has broken out and no longer any attempt made to keep the bitter feeling under surface.

DECLARES HE WILL NOT QUIT.

Fight Said to Be Prompted by Activity That Has Proved Harmful to Niedringhaus in Contest.

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COMERFORD GOES TO CHICAGO FOR PROOF OF HIS CHARGES

Illinois Legislator Arrested by Doorkeeper and Taken Before Investigating Committee—Asks for Time to Secure Witnesses—Stormy Scenes Enacted in House When He Seeks to Have Communication Read—Resolutions Proposed by McKinley Providing for Thorough Inquiry Adopted Unanimously

CHICAGO MEMBER SAYS HE MAY GO BEFORE GRAND JURY.

ASSERTS ALL CHARGES WERE AGAINST FORMER ASSEMBLIES

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 1.—The communication of Representative Comerford is as follows: "The speech given such wide publicity by the press of Chicago is an extract from a lecture delivered before the Illinois College of Law, on Friday, January 27. Only part of the lecture had been printed. Some few inaccuracies are in the newspaper before me. "Believing that the student body of the Illinois College of Law might with profit know the conditions under which laws are made in Springfield, I told them it was my purpose to give them stories in common circulation at the Capitol, stories that came to me in bursts of confidence from the members of the Legislature, thus giving them the atmosphere in which laws have been made. "I was lecturing to the students, and not making charges on the floor of this House. I reserve the right of my opinion, and I believe now, as I did then, that the stories are true. "I made no charges against the Forty-fourth General Assembly. It will be noticed that the first line of the quotation from my lecture said, 'After the Legislature is organized and ready for work,' and it has proved conclusively that my references refer only to the Legislature of this State and before this session. "The Forty-fourth General Assembly is not organized and is not ready for work. The full standing committees have not been appointed. With this apparent information. "As I still believe the truth of the stories I related, I stand ready to meet any action this House may see fit to take, and ready to meet any action made."

LIBRARY FOUNDER, ILL 30 YEARS, DEAD

Augustus W. Alexander Would Have Celebrated Golden Wedding Anniversary Soon—Once a Prominent Lawyer.

Augustus W. Alexander, who helped to found the St. Louis Public Library and who was one of the most prominent lawyers of the city a quarter of a century ago, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness of thirty years, at the age of 72.

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CAUCUS COMBINED AGAINST KERENS, SAYS O. J. GRACE

Representative Declares That He Was Invited to Attend Meeting of Pre-Caucus Bosses.

SAYS MEETING WAS SECRET.

Declares He Knows of Eight Who Attended, but Will Not Divulge Names Because It Would Cause Disturbance.

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